GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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CARGO SEGMENT OF AIRLINE BUSINESS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether cargo segment of airline business needs improvement in the years to come;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed Multi-Model International Cargo Huband Airport Project at Nagpur is getting delayed;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the above project is likely to be operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) To addressed the issue suitably a Working Group on Air Cargo/Express Services Industry under Civil Aviation Economic Advisory Council(CAEAC) has been constituted on 17.1.2011 to Study the existing system of air cargo and requirement of further improvement in Cargo Sector.

(c) to (e) The project MIHAN India Ltd. (MIL)has been delayed due to the following reasons:

(i) Delay in getting land from the Defence Authorities;

(ii) Acquisition of balance land of 146 hectares by the State Government of Maharashtra; and

(iii) delay in appointment of Strategic Partner.

MIL has since appointed a Transaction Advisor for selection of Strategic Partner who will develop this airport on Built Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis under whose scope the passenger and cargo hub will be developed at this airport. The entire phasing is being reworked by the Transaction Advisor and their Report is awaited. Global Tenders for the selection of Strategic Partner is likely to be floated by June 2012 and after following due process, the successful bidder will be appointed and thereafter the development of the project will commence.